



Summer Sunshine Awards 2009 Western Region Winners



What is the Award?

The *Summer Sunshine Awards* acknowledge the outstanding achievements and hard work involved throughout the Western Region states in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The Awards:

- ☼ encourage and acknowledge innovation, recognize improved meal quality, nutrition and reward increased access to eligible children
- ☼ provide recognition to sponsors who have successfully implemented useful ideas
- ☼ share good ideas with State agencies and SFSP sponsors in order to initiate improvements in the program nationwide

Western Region 2009 Sunshine Award Winners:

Integrating Nutrition Education and Physical Activities at Sites – 1 Winner

- Don Gaspar de Portola Elementary School in Livermore, CA, engaged students in a “Nutrition and Fitness Olympics” event. This annual one-day event combines the benefits of healthful eating along with physical activities.

Improving Nutritional Quality of Meals, increasing Fruits and Vegetables Consumption – 2 Winners

- Butte County Office of Education Migrant Education Region 2 in Oroville, CA. BCOE features fresh fruits and vegetables on a daily basis. Offerings this year included cantaloupe, watermelon, honeydew, grapes, strawberries, nectarines, peaches, apples, plums, kiwi, pears, bananas, oranges, carrots, jicama, broccoli, cucumbers, tomatoes and more.
- San Diego Unified School District Summer Fun Café in San Diego, CA, offered 23 community BBQ events throughout the summer. During the BBQ events, fresh fruits and vegetables were given to those who attended, and costumed fruits and vegetables walked the grounds. Over 25,000 low-income children plus their families attended during the course of the summer, and nearly 40 tons of fresh fruits and vegetables were distributed to low-income families.

Service in Distinctive or Rural/Underserved Communities – 2 Winners

- Rainier Summer Café (Rainier School District) in Rainier, OR, this summer received a grant to feed the parents who bring their children to the summer food sites. This helped increase the number of kids who participated in the SFSP. Rainier Summer Café also invited daycares from all over to bring their kids to the swim program during the summer.
- Harney County School District in Burns, OR, uses an innovative approach to deliver the meals in Harney County by utilizing a school district van as a mobile feeding unit. Lunches are prepared and packed in coolers for delivery to rural sites and the van travels to parks and swimming pools where the children congregate in the hot summer.



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